

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 30 and 36-39 are pending in the present application. Claim 30 is amended, Claims 31-35 are canceled and Claims 36-39 are added by the present amendment.

Applicants submit that amendments to Claim 30 and new Claims 36-39 find support in the originally filed specification at least at page 107, lines 1-4, and Figures 49 and 50. Thus, no new matter is added.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 30, 32 and 34-35 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by EP 0896337 to Yoshihiro et al. (herein "Yoshihiro"); and Claims 31 and 33 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Yoshihiro.

Applicants respectfully traverse those rejections with respect to amended Claim 30 and new Claims 36-39.

Amended Claim 30 is directed to an information storage medium that includes an audio recording area configured to store audio information of one or more tunes or one or more pieces of music in unit of a given track. The information storage medium also includes a management area configured to store management information with respect to the track of the audio information. The management area includes program chain information configured to control a reproduction sequence of the audio information. The program chain information includes program information configured to manage the tune or music. The program information includes representative picture information, and the representative picture information includes entry number information configured to describe an entry number of a still picture object in which a representative picture for the track exists. New Claims 36-39 include similar features directed to a method of recording, a method of reproducing, an apparatus for recording, and an apparatus for reproducing, respectively.

In a non-limiting example, Figure 49 shows a description of the contents of program information (e.g., Program Information (PGI)) in an information storage medium. The program information includes representative picture information (e.g., Representative Picture Information (REP\_PICTI)). As shown in Figure 50, the representative picture information includes entry number information (e.g., ASVOB\_ENT NUMBER) and an entry number (e.g., ASVUN). The entry number information is a short descriptor (e.g., 1 byte) that describes the entry number of a still picture object (e.g., ASVOB).

The management information (e.g., PGI/REP\_PICTI) does not include a still picture object (e.g., ASVOB) having a relatively large size to represent a track. Instead, the management information includes a short entry number information thereby advantageously resulting in the program information having a compact data size, even if there are many ASVOB\_ENTNs stored on the information storage medium.

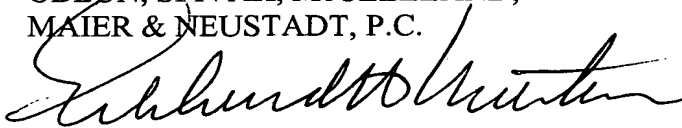
Applicants respectfully submit that Yoshihiro does not teach or suggest storing entry number information in program information of an information storage medium. In particular, Yoshihiro is silent regarding an information storage medium including representative picture information that includes an entry number information that describes an entry number of a representative still picture object. Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that Yoshihiro does not teach or suggest “program information configured to manage said tune or music, said program information including representative picture information, and said representative picture information including entry number information configured to describe an entry number of a still picture object in which a representative picture for the track exists,” as recited in the independent claims.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit independent Claims 30 and 36-39 are allowable.

Consequently, in light of the above discussion and in view of the present amendment, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance and an early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

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